

About the Only Thing That a Man Does Not Have To Worry About Is How Much His Coffin Is Going To Cost

CHATHAM WOMAN
KILLED TODAY
IN AUTO WRECKCar Hits Railroad Abutment
Near Norfolk, Conn.

ONE MORE BADLY INJURED

Dead Woman Was Mrs. Norman
Francis—Husband Driving Car
at Time of Accident.

Norfolk, Conn., June 23.—Mrs. Norman Francis of Chatham, N. Y., was instantly killed today when an automobile in which she was riding crashed into a railroad abutment. Mrs. Harry Scriber, also of Chatham, was seriously injured. Mr. Francis, who was driving the car and Mr. Scriber were unhurt.

The party was on its way from Chatham to Derby, Conn., to visit Mrs. Scriber's daughter.

SHOE REPAIR PRICES
TO BE PROBED IN MASS.Complaints Made That Many Shoe
Repair Shops Have Been Mak-
ing Big Profits.

Boston, June 22.—The Commission on the Necessaries of Life today announced it would hold a hearing next Monday at which shoe repair men would be requested to give information relative to the prices they charge and their costs of doing business.

Complaints have reached the commission that a number of men have been profiteering investigation, according to its secretary, has shown that in some cases the profits have been enormous.

At the hearing there will be present representatives of the repairers, shoe finding jobbers, manufacturers and of the United Shoe Machinery company. It is from the latter organization that the repairers lease their machinery.

The commission believes it can secure sufficient data so that it can fix an approximate price at which shoes can be repaired at a profit. With this set, it can then turn over to the Department of Justice those shop proprietors who persist in charging an excessive rate.

BUTLER APOLOGIZES
TO WOOD'S FRIENDSPresident of Columbia University
Says His "Words Were Unbecom-
ing and Unwarranted."

Cincinnati, O., June 22.—Colonel William Cooper Proctor made public today a telegram of apology he received from Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, sent in answer to Proctor's demand to know whether or not Mr. Butler had been accurately quoted in a published interview in which he was purported to have declared that gamblers and stock market players were General Wood's principal backers in his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

"Answering your telegram, June 15, I am convinced that any words spoken under the strain, turmoil and fatigue of the Chicago convention and in sharp revolt against the power of money in politics, were both unbecoming and unwarranted, and that I should and do apologize to each and every one who felt hurt by what I said."

BURGLARS SCARED AWAY

Break Into Store and Post Office by
Breaking Glass.

St. Albans, June 21.—An unsuccessful attempt was made by burglars early Sunday morning to break into the store and postoffice of C. W. Marsh at Sheldon. The burglars used the plate glass of the front door. For some unknown reason they were scared away.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR SALE—7-passenger Chandler
touring car; recently painted new
tires, engine in excellent condition. For
particulars address P. O. Box 247.
3616WANTED—A woman for cooking and
light, general housework. Cool, pleas-
ant summer place and best of wages.
Tel. 64-W. 3616FOR SALE—Seven piece black wall
paper parlor suite in good condition; one
sideboard two-seated carriage; one roll
top desk; one secretary and writing
desk; lawn mowers, oil stoves, bed
rooming and mattresses, etc. James
Fox, River St. 3616FOUND—On the Colgate road, brown
leather pocketbook containing small
sum of money and other articles.
Owner may have same by proving prop-
erty and paying for this advertise-
ment at the Banner office. 3612FOR SALE—Ford touring car; A-1
condition. Inquire of Wm. A. Blanchard
tel. 6-6, Pownall, Vt. 3616TO RENT—Two furnished rooms (no
light housekeeping). 4 Clables, West
Main St., tel. 294-3. 3616TO RENT—Furnished rooms. Apply
at 103 Short St. 3616HARDING FAILS
TO MEET VIEWS
OF SUFFRAGISTSCandidate Urged to Use In-
fluence for Amendment

NOT FREE TO USE FORCE

Not Disposed to Exert Power of His
Present Position to Secure
Enactment by States.

Washington, June 22.—Senator Warren G. Harding, Republican nominee for President, received today a delegation representing the National Woman's party, who urged him to use his influence and authority as party leader to procure the favorable action of one more state and thereby the ratification of the woman suffrage amendment to the Constitution in time to enfranchise all women before the November election.

Senator Harding extended the utmost courtesy to the callers and assured them that their success would give to him the greatest pleasure. As proof he pointed to his votes for suffrage in the Senate but he added that he did not feel free to "attempt to force any state executive to hasten action in violation of his own sense of duty."

The women discussed the subject at some length with Senator Harding and in the utmost good temper on both sides, but the callers on leaving expressed themselves as thoroughly dissatisfied with his position.

The delegation of women was headed by Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the Women's party. The immediate purpose of their visit which was by appointment, was to inquire why her the Republican nominee would urge the Governors of Connecticut and Vermont to obtain ratification from their Legislatures.

The delegation said they represented twenty-three states. They were received by Senator Harding at his office in the Senate office building. Later, on the marble steps outside, the group was photographed with Senator Harding standing next to Miss Paul.

In substance the women, several of whom spoke in turn after being introduced by Miss Paul, urged that the woman vote would largely be swayed at the coming election by the attitudes of the respective parties toward amendment. Senator Harding cordially shook hands with all the callers and followed their remarks with the closest attention. One of the first speakers, Mrs. Abner Lang of Vermont, remarked that she was born in Ohio and was aunt of Walter F. Brown Toledo, who served as floor manager for Senator Harding at the Chicago convention.

"If you have as much political sagacity as Walter Brown," suggested Senator Harding, "you will be a star."

HONORED BY YALE

Two Sons of Seymour Van Santvoord
of Old Bennington.

George and Richard Van Santvoord, sons of Seymour Van Santvoord of Old Bennington have been honored by Yale according to announcement made Monday.

At a recent meeting of the governors of Yale university a new office entitled "Chief Student Councilor" was created and upon recommendation of the President, Hadley George Van Santvoord was unanimously elected to the position. At present he is an instructor in the academic department and assistant coach of the Yale crew.

Mr. Van Santvoord has recently been engaged by the Oxford University Press to edit a forthcoming American Edition of the dictionary of the English language which is a standard in England.

Richard G. Van Santvoord of the class of 1920, academic at Yale college, will graduate with his class notwithstanding absence in the service during more than half of the sophomore and all of the junior year. He understood that he would have to undergo next fall for further study and examination, but has just received word that for excellence in work during the senior year just closed, the faculty has voted him his graduation degree at today's commencement and he has left for New Haven to receive his diploma.

TEACHERS TRAINING

State Board of Education Discusses
Institution—Expert Gives Views.

Montpelier, June 22.—At the meeting of the State Board of Education, which all members of the board attended, in addition to the routine business the principal topic was the teacher training institution. Dr. W. C. Bagley of Columbia University, was present and discussed for the members the many phases of the institution, including as to character required. He made an informal report on his conclusions after a survey of the State and what he thought as to location, but the commissioners are not yet ready to discuss that report and another meeting will shortly occur on the matter. His report also included his advice as to administration of the institution and its needs to Vermont at an early date.

VISITORS FROM GRANVILLE

Automobile Club from There in Ben-
nington Today.

Nearly 30 automobiles bringing upwards of 100 people from Granville were in Bennington today, arriving about noon and taking dinner here and visiting points of interest.

It is the intention of the Granville automobile club to arrange visit to neighboring towns this summer and the first visit is to Bennington. Some of the cars bore banners with the words "Trade in Granville." The party came by way of Dorset and Manchester and planned to return another route.

PAYNE-NEEDHAM

North Bennington Young Man Mar-
ries Potsdam Girl.

The Potsdam Courier and Freeman has the following account of the marriage of Nelson L. Payne, son of Senator and Mrs. A. S. Payne of North Bennington, and Miss Mildred D. Needham of Potsdam, N. Y.

The marriage of Miss Mildred D. Needham to Nelson Leland Payne of North Bennington, Vt., was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Needham, 27 Chesnut street, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. H. Victor Frellek performed the ceremony before an altar of evergreens and daisies on which had been placed altar candles. The double ring ceremony was used.

Proceeding the ceremony, Miss Carmen Flint sang "Until," Mrs. Proctor Pratt of Massena played the "Hail Chorus" from the Rose Maiden. The Misses Mildred Winters of Margueriteville and Emily Dillingham of Ogdensburg, were bridesmaids. They entered the living room carrying streamers of blue caught with the bride party. They were followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. Howard H. Needham, of Gary, Ind., and the dainty little flower girl, Jean Thompson. The bride followed, wearing a white satin gown with pearl trimmings and carrying a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. They were met at the altar by the bridegroom and best man, Willis Cone of Springfield, Mass. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The matron of honor wore an orchid corsage dress and carried pink roses. The bridesmaids were attired in pink organdie and carried pink sweet peas and forget-me-nots. The flower girl wore white organdie and pink tulle sash. She carried a basket of forget-me-nots and sweet peas in the center of which lay the wedding rings, embedded in the heart of a rose.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served to eighty guests. The dining room was decorated in sweet peas and snail with rows of candles. The center piece was made up of bouquets of lavender and pink sweet peas surrounded by individual bouquets in flower holders. These were drawn by nine sorority sisters of the bride who served. They were the Misses Alice Peck, Barbara Olmstead, Sara Sisson, Margaret Clark, Maude Hawkins, Lillian Carney, Florence Clark, Dorothy Deans, and Mildred Ames. After the wedding supper, Mr. and Mrs. Payne left for a two weeks honeymoon at Lake George.

The bride is a graduate of the Potsdam Normal High School and a member of the Pi Delta Sigma sorority and has been active in the social life of the village and in Red Cross work here. The bridegroom is the son of Senator and Mrs. A. S. Payne of North Bennington, Vt., formerly of Potsdam. He is a graduate of Troy Conference Academy, Point, Vt., and served two years in the Second Division of the Regular Army in France.

Among those in town for the wedding were Senator and Mrs. Payne, Misses Evelyn and Eleanor Payne of North Bennington, W. B. Cone of Springfield, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Needham of Gary, Ind.; Miss Mildred Winters of Margueriteville, Miss Emily Dillingham of Ogdensburg; Miss Elizabeth Hubbard and son of Uniontown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Proctor Pratt of Massena; Miss Carmen Flint of Ilion.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne will be at home in North Bennington, Vt., where Mr. Payne is in business with his father, after August 1.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

Results of Games in Both of the
Major Leagues.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

St. Louis, 9; New York, 3.
Cleveland, 13; Boston, 5.
Chicago, 2; Philadelphia, 1.
Washington, 6; Detroit, 1.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Cleveland	38	19	.667
New York	38	22	.633
Chicago	32	25	.561
Boston	28	26	.519
Washington	27	26	.509
St. Louis	28	28	.500
Detroit	19	37	.339
Philadelphia	16	43	.339

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago, 10; New York, 4.
Pittsburgh, 9; Brooklyn, 7.
Boston, 3; St. Louis, 11 (innings).
Cincinnati, 3; Philadelphia, 1 (11
innings).

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Cincinnati	31	32	.585
Chicago	30	25	.545
Brooklyn	28	24	.538
St. Louis	30	27	.526
Pittsburgh	25	24	.510
Boston	22	26	.458
New York	23	32	.418
Philadelphia	23	32	.418

NO END TO REIGN
OF TERRORISM
IN LONDONDERRYAdditional Street Barricades
Erected Last Night

BOMB CONSTABLES IN AUTO

Driver Though Shot Through Legs
Managed to Drive Car Out
of Danger Zone.

Londonderry, June 22.—There was no cessation today in the battle between the Unionist and Nationalist factions which has kept the city of Londonderry in a state of terror for a number of days.

During the night the rival factions erected additional barricades from which they kept up a continual fire. At times the shooting reached the intensity of volleys.

Dublin, June 22.—An automobile carrying the assistant director general of the Royal Irish Constabulary and four constables was attacked with revolver fire and bombs when en route from the Amiens street station to Dublin castle today. Assistant Director General Roberts was severely wounded in the head by a revolver bullet, but is expected to recover, and the driver of the car was shot in both legs. No arrests have been made.

The motor was met with a fusillade of bullets when passing under a railway bridge, but the badly wounded constable driver continued at the wheel while an uninjured companion went on for some time the assailants threw two bombs. Nothing is known as to the casualties among those who made the attack.

London, May 22.—Moving the adjournment of the House of Commons for the purpose of calling attention to the rioting in Londonderry. Lieutenant Colonel Ashley, Unionist, declared today that victory rested with the assassins, and not with the government, which appeared powerless to maintain the sanctity of life. The chief secretary of Ireland and the victory, he said, were prisoners in their own houses; the officials of Dublin castle were equally prisoners and obliged to take exercise in the castle grounds. The nations of the world were pointing the finger of scorn at England's inability to maintain her authority in Ireland. He demanded martial law and more troops.

The Right Hon. Dennis Henley, replying to the criticisms of Colonel Ashley and other speakers, threw little new light on the situation. He said the authorities in Ireland had been given fullest authority to call for whatever was necessary and to adopt measures considered desirable, and the police and troops had been given the utmost initiative, their instructions being to behave precisely as on the battlefield. He regarded the situation in Dublin as worse than in Londonderry, and in this connection made in the course of the debate to invite the assistance of the loyal party to keeping order.

Lord Robert Cecil voiced his disappointment at the attorney general's remarks. He declared that the government should adopt either a course of conciliation or coercion.

The motion for adjournment was then negatived without division.

Belfast, June 22.—The Evening Telegraph issues an appeal to the citizens not to follow the example of Londonderry, saying:

We would appeal to those who may be anxious for reprisals to be patient. Nothing would delight the rebel party more than to see the city turned upside down by disturbances and bloodshed. To play into their hands would be a grave mistake. The burden duty of every patriotic man is to support the authorities in restoring and maintaining law and order.

Londonderry, June 22.—This city was quiet this afternoon. At 3 o'clock the highest on the body of William Kane, who was shot and killed this morning, opened but it was adjourned for a week. Of the persons injured Sunday night two are in grave condition.

A meeting of the magistrates this afternoon decided to send an urgent request to Dublin Castle for military reinforcements and the institution of martial law. Telegrams also were sent to the attorney general urging the necessity of the immediate dispatch of troops.

OVER A MILLION UP IN SMOKE

Seven Story Building in Baltimore
Wrecked This Morning

Baltimore, Md., June 23.—Fire early today wrecked a seven story building in Hopkins and quickly spread to four adjoining structures.

The damage, according to insurance men, will reach a million. Early in the morning fire did \$500,000 damage in the Darby building.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Thursday; moder-
ate temperature.

EYE BADLY BURNED

Solomon Waite Badly Injured by
Molten Metal.

Solomon Waite, a young man employed in the foundry at the Bennington Scale Works, was seriously injured late yesterday afternoon by molten metal.

The young man had been assisting in the making of small castings in the foundry. He had made a pouring of molten iron and had dropped his ladle upon the floor. Evidently there was some water upon the floor causing the small amount of iron still remaining in the ladle to fly and strike the young man in the right eye.

The victim was immediately hurried to the office of Dr. Frank J. Hurley for a temporary dressing and then taken to the Putnam Memorial hospital. This forenoon it was stated that he was comfortable but that several days would elapse before it would be possible to determine the amount of injury to the eye.

BENNINGTON PLANS

FOR FOURTH OF JULY

Welfare Association Arranging Pro-
gram from 10 in the Morning
Until 10 at Night.

The local celebration of the Fourth of July has for several years been arranged by the Public Welfare association. This year the association will again plan the entertainment of the day but on an entirely different and novel basis. Since the Fourth falls on Sunday the usual custom of celebrating on the day after will be followed and all of Bennington county is invited to come, have a good time and help make the day a success.

The place selected for the merry making is Welfare hall and the beautiful grounds surrounding it. This is located between North and School streets and was known formerly as the Major Brown place. This is an ideal place for such an event as its central location makes it easily accessible to all, the giant trees promise a cool and inviting spot if the day is warm and the hall itself affords ample shelter in case of inclement weather or a sudden shower.

From ten a. m. until ten at night the sounds of music will invite young and old to come together to participate in the activities or to be entertained by the program. The committee for arranging entertainment, with John J. Hays chairman, has planned well underway and it is already an assured fact that there will not be one dull minute during the entire day.

VOLSTEAD IS DEFEATED

FOR RENOMINATION

Prohibition Law Sponsor Seems to Be
Beaten by Farmer Candidate
in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., June 22.—Congressman A. J. Volstead, seeking renomination on the Republican ticket in the seventh district lost ground in returns late today from yesterday's primary. 285 precincts out of 376 in the list giving him 11,738 as against 13,569 polled by O. J. Kyal of Bennington, Non-Partisan League candidate.

Returns from one half of the 3196 precincts of the state this afternoon indicated a close contest for the Republican gubernatorial nomination and a non-partisan league candidate leading in one Congressional district.

Available returns on the governorship gave J. A. O. Preuss, State-wide elimination candidate 33,631, and Dr. Henrik Shipstead, the non-partisan league candidate 64,458. The unreported precincts were in the rural communities, however, where non-partisan leaguers expect to make a strong showing.

CONCERT TONIGHT

Program to Be Fendered by Band To-
night at 8 O'clock

The band will give a concert to-
night at 8 o'clock, weather permit-
ting. The following program has
been arranged for the occasion:

March—Our National Honor Brooks
Selection—The Prima Donna

Waltz—On Miami Shore Herbert
Trombone Solo—Love's Awakening Pinard

Frank Hurley
Charmes—Noisy Bill Losey
Madame Overture—Ace High Erickson
Fantasia—The Colored Wedding Laurendo

March—The Speed Kings Losey
The Star Spangled Banner

HALF MILLION TO CORNELL

Research Endowment by August Heck-
cher of New York Announced.

Ithaca, N. Y., June 23.—Five hundred thousand dollars has been given to Cornell university by August Heckcher for the endowment of research work, according to announcement by President Jacob Gould Schurman at the 52d annual commencement exercises today.

When President Schurman completed his address to the graduating class he ended an administration of 28 years.

PREMEDITATED
MURDER RULES
SPECIAL JURYIndictment Returned Yesterday
Against Byron Pettibone

TO BE ARRAIGNED TODAY

Local Attorneys of Opinion that Judge
Wilson Will Order Trial Early
in July.

Byron M. Pettibone, aged 32, a native of Pownall who has lived in Bennington for nearly a dozen years, was indicted for murder late yesterday afternoon at Manchester by a special grand jury in a case that has attracted more attention than any alleged crime in southern Vermont since the trial of Mary Rogers for the killing of her husband 17 years ago.

The indictment returned against Pettibone charges premeditated murder in the killing of his wife Eva Bond Pettibone, on the evening of April 6. The accused man will be arraigned at 2 o'clock this afternoon, standard time, at Manchester, before Judge Stanley M. Wilson, who is presiding at the June term of Bennington county court in the north shore.

The prosecution has indicated that it will move for an immediate trial of the case. It is expected that James K. Batchelder and Henry Chase, counsel for Pettibone, will ask for a continuance to the December term of court to be held here in Bennington. Developments yesterday of an official nature seemed to indicate that Judge Wilson would set the case for the present term of court, although a recess of a week or more might be allowed for the benefit of the defense.

Some delay was experienced yesterday forenoon in the proceedings at Manchester. The jury as originally drawn consisted of Irving E. Groat of Arlington, William H. Nichols and George R. Mathers of Bennington, Frank Benedict of Dorset, R. B. Young of Glenbury, J. E. Hale of Landgrove, A. E. Bryant of Hiale, William Gardner of Pownall, J. John Winne of Randolph, Frank E. Winchester of Rupert, Guy E. Bentley of Sandgate, George J. Bond of Searsburg, J. B. Randall of Shaftsbury, C. S. Bishop of Stamford, E. C. Bacon of Sunderland, Harlan E. Benson of Winhall and John Hugbee of Woodford. Mr. Bryant of Manchester was out of town when the notification was sent to his address. Mr. Gardner was unable to attend and Mr. Bacon was disqualified because he had served on a grand jury within two years. The vacancies were filled by the selections of A. C. Orvis, Frank Wilson and E. H. Reynolds.

Following Judge Wilson's charge to the jury, two witnesses, Rodney Wood of the Wood detective agency, and Clarence Miller who is employed at the D. A. Ward pharmacy from which Pettibone, according to the alleged confession originally obtained by the detectives, obtained the strychnine sulphide which caused his wife's death, were examined.

At the afternoon session of the jury the witnesses examined were: Miss Nellie P. Hogan, stenographer for State's Attorney Collins M. Graves; Miss Helen Irene Gilow, the trained nurse who had been much in Pettibone's company since the death of his wife; Dr. E. M. Gardiner, who attended Mrs. Pettibone on the night of her death; Dr. C. F. Whitney of the state's laboratory of hygiene at Burlington who assisted at the autopsy performed four days after Mrs. Pettibone's death; Deputy Sheriff Edward Shanahan, who has been closely connected with the investigation which was begun by the state immediately following the report of the autopsy.

The proceedings before the grand jury were conducted by State's Attorney Collins M. Graves and Attorney General Frank C. Archibald. Sheriff Perry B. Gardner was in charge of the jury.

R. J. Wood of the Wood detective agency, his stenographer, Miss Lena Evers and Fred Stanley the latter a special writer who has been in town several days covering the case for the Boston American left this morning for Boston in Mr. Wood's car. Miss Evers is the "mysterious blonde" who, according to Dame Rumor was sent to Bennington some time ago for the purpose of fascinating Pettibone and thereby obtaining information concerning the suspected crime. Miss Evers was present in the jury room at the county court house at the time the Bos on detectives obtained the alleged confession from Pettibone and it was the rehearsing of this feature while Chief of Police Brazil was being examined at the preliminary hearing that raised the laugh in which Pettibone joined as heartily as the spectators.

Pettibone left shortly after noon today with Sheriff Perry B. Gardner and Deputy Sheriff Edward Hawkins of South Shaftsbury for Manchester in the sheriff's car.

Scientific investigation discloses the fact that where "hard" water is used for drinking, good teeth are the general result. "Hard" water contains a large amount of lime which enters largely into the composition of teeth.

Water Affects Teeth.

DELUGE DEBATE
ON PROHIBITION
DUE AT 'FRISCOLeaders Prepared for Tempe-
stuous Scenes at Convention

MORE TALK OF DEADLOCK

Several Ballots Predicted Due to Re-
fusal of McAdoo to Permit
Himself to Be Named.

San Francisco, June 23.—Rumblings of Democratic discord over the prohibition issue became hourly more ominous as delegates and party chiefs arrived in increasing numbers for the National convention. The leaders prepared to face an outbreak of tempestuous debate on the floor of the convention.

Such a development it was agreed everywhere would hold dramatic possibilities, including further complication of the uncertain outlook as to the presidential nomination. Talk regarding candidates seemed to strengthen the prospects of a deadlock for several ballots.

The generally accepted view is that the withdrawal of McAdoo will operate to make the deadlock more likely by distributing more or less widely the strength which had been lined up behind him. Some of his supporters are still predicting that he will be the nominee.

SENATOR REED WILL BE
KEPT FROM CONVENTIONOpponent of President Wilson's
League of Nations Not Wanted By
the Administration.

San Francisco, June 21.—The private wire that runs from the bedroom of President Wilson in Washington to the bedroom of National Chairman Homer S. Cummings in the Palace Hotel here flashed the order this morning that Senator James A. Reed of Missouri must be barred from the convention and publicly humiliated.

The stored up spite against Reed will be poured out on June 25 when the Missourian, regularly chosen as a delegate from the Kansas City district and subsequently rejected by a State convention of Federal office holders, applies for the right to sit as one of his State's thirty-six and for the privilege of speech.

There's the point. Privilege to speak his mind about the League of Nations and Mr. Wilson's domination of the Democratic party won't be tolerated.

Senator Reed will be outlawed by the National Committee and the committee on credentials stand against internationalism and Wilsonism.

In order that the punishment may be extra conspicuous, Delegate Bradshaw, a Reed man and also opposed to the treaty and the league, will be seated. Reed alone is singled out to be gagged and steamrollered. The administration crowd, including five members of the Cabinet, Colby, Burleson, Daniels, Palmer and Meredith, all of whom will be right here with an ear to the private wire; the chairman, Cummings; Raymond T. Baker, Director of the Mint, and an assortment of national committee men, purpose to run the convention from bell to bell.

They can't gag Bryan or slam the door in his face. They have the power, however, to silence Reed and to refuse his ticket at the door. The big idea is that they don't intend to have a harsh word said about the President in this convention, if they can find a way, brutal or gentle, of stopping mouths.

Yesterday the whole crowd was up in the air about the Reed problem, and were mined in their indecision to admit Reed to the convention. Then came the word over the very private wire that the devil himself were preferable to Jim Reed, and that there must be no compromise shown.

Immediately Cummings informed the newspaper men that the duty of the National Committee in the Missouri case would be to take the highly virtuous attitude of following the custom of the party in Missouri, that the dictum of the State convention shall override the wishes of any district. Cummings admitted that there was no statutory law applying to the case and that there was no written rule of procedure.

The prophecy was offered that when Senator Reed presented his credentials as a delegate from the Fifth Missouri district it would be the moral duty of the National Committee to inform him that he has no standing; that the custom of the party must be followed in all fairness and decency.

"Jim Reed will never get a chance to shoot off his mouth about the President in this convention."

That bit of carbstone frankness popped out after the suave Cummings had applied the law and the prophets to Reed's case in the interest of morality, and is said to be the key to the entire situation regarding Senator Reed.

Charity.

How many things might be tolerated in peace and left to conscience, had we but charity, and were it not the chief stronghold of our hypocrisy to be ever judging one another.—John Milton.